The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

a container cut off from the atmosphere;

a first substrate in the container;

an electroluminescence element over the first substrate; in the container; and

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate in the container, the second substrate has a concave portion; and

a drying agent filled in the concave portion container,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and

wherein the drying agent has a porosity of 20% or more.

13.-14. (Canceled)

- 15. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 12.

- 18. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
- 19. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
- 20. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
- 21. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
- 22. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 12.
 - 23. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:
 - a container cut off from the atmosphere;
 - a first substrate in the container;
 - an electroluminescence element over the first substrate in the container; and;
- a second substrate opposed to the first substrate in the container, the second substrate has a concave portion; and
 - a drying agent filled in the concave portion container,
- wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption;

wherein the drying agent has a porosity of 20% or more, and

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide.

- 24. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na₂O.
- 25. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkalineearth metal oxide comprises CaO.

26.-27. (Canceled)

- 28. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
- 29. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
- 30. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
- 31. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
- 32. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
- 33. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 23.

- 34. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
- 35. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 23.
 - 36. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:
 - a container cut off from the atmosphere;
 - a first substrate in the container;
 - an electroluminescence element over the first substrate; in the container; and
- a second substrate opposed to the first substrate in the container, the second substrate has a concave portion; and
 - a drying agent filled in the concave portion container,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption.

wherein the drying agent has a porosity of 20% or more,

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide, and wherein the drying agent is formed by a sol-gel method.

- 37. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na₂O.
- 38. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO.

39.-40. (Canceled)

- 41. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 42. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 43. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 44. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 45. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 46. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 47. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
- 48. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 36.
 - 49. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising: an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;
- a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, the second substrate has a concave portion; and

a drying agent having a porosity of 20% or more filled in the concave portion; and interposed between the electroluminescence element and the second substrate,

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption.

- 51. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
- 52. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
- 53. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
- 54. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
- 55. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
- 56. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 49.

- 57. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
- 58. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 49.
 - 59. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

- a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, the second substrate has a concave portion;
- a drying agent having a porosity of 20% or more filled in the concave portion interposed between the electroluminescence element and the second substrate; and
- a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption.

- 61. (Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 59.
- 62. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 59.
- 63. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

- 64. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 59.
- 65. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 59.
- 66. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 59.
- 67. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 59.
- 68. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 59.

- 70. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.
- 71. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.
- 72. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

- 73. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.
- 74. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

- 76. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.
- 77. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.
- 78. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.
- 79. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

- (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, 80. wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.
 - 81. (Currently Amended) A light emitting device comprising:

an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, the second substrate has a concave portion;

a drying agent having a porosity of 20% or more filled in the concave portion; and interposed between the electroluminescence element and the second substrate; and

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide.

- (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 81, 82. wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na₂O.
- (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 81, 83. wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO.

84. (Canceled)

(Previously Presented) An organic EL display device having the light emitting device according to claim 81.

- 86. (Previously Presented) A video camera having the light emitting device according to claim 81.
- 87. (Previously Presented) A digital camera having the light emitting device according to claim 81.
- 88. (Previously Presented) An image reproduction apparatus having the light emitting device according to claim 81.
- 89. (Previously Presented) A portable computer having the light emitting device according to claim 81.
- 90. (Previously Presented) A mobile telephone having the light emitting device according to claim 81.
- 91. (Previously Presented) A personal computer having the light emitting device according to claim 81.
- 92. (Previously Presented) An acoustic equipment having the light emitting device according to claim 81.